

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 606
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize JaQuelva Sontrice
Gaines, 2005 Valedictorian of Bishop Byrne
High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, JaQuelva Sontrice Gaines is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Bishop Byrne High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Gaines has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, JaQuelva Sontrice Gaines has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a stellar scholar, Miss Gaines is a varsity cheerleader and has served with distinction as National Honor Society President; she has also astutely served student government as a Senior Class Senator; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, Miss Gaines has earned numerous accolades during her high school career, including selection to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the National Honor Roll; she has won academic awards in French I, French II, and AP English II and scored in the 95th percentile on the National Education Development Test; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Miss Gaines is also a member of the National Honor Society and attended the NASA program at Rust College during the summer of 2004; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, she volunteers her time and considerable talents with the Adopt-a-Family Christmas and Thanksgiving programs at her church and supports several other worthy charitable and civic causes; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Holly Springs, Mississippi, Miss Gaines is active in her church, where she is a valuable member of the Praise Team, Young Adult Choir, and the Step Team; and

WHEREAS, her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college, where she plans to major in either pharmacy or nursing, and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Gaines, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, JaQuelva Sontrice Gaines's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that JaQuelva Sontrice Gaines, 2005 Bishop Byrne High School Valedictorian, is hereby honored and commended on her impressive academic achievement. We extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.